



Springtime Safety

FROM SHOVELING TO STORMS, DO YOUR PART TO PROTECT THE PIPELINE

Spring has arrived in Georgia, prompting homeowners to tackle outdoor projects. It's also the season to be on guard for severe storms. Whatever spring brings, Walton Gas and Atlanta Gas Light share these rules for avoiding and identifying dangerous gas leaks.

#1 Dial before you dig

If your outdoor project involves digging, Georgia law requires you to **dial 811** or **visit Georgia 811** at least three days in advance to have underground utility lines marked. The service is free. Locators will mark the approximate location of buried lines with color-coded paint, flags or stakes corresponding to the utility. The color used for natural gas is yellow.



#2 Plant with care

Tree roots growing around a gas line can damage it, allowing the escape of gas. When installing new landscaping, consider the tree's mature size and plant it where it won't interfere with underground lines. Call 811 to locate all underground utilities before digging or pulling out shrubs or trees.

#3 Mind the meter

Maintain a 2-foot distance when using power tools to trim grass and weeds around the gas meter. Any mulch or other landscape material should allow for 6 inches between the bottom of your meter and the ground.

#4 Use your senses

Stay alert for gas leaks while working outside. If you smell a "rotten egg" odor, see dead vegetation or discolored soil near a pipeline, or hear hissing or a high-pitched whistle, a leak is indicated.

**Gas emergency?
Call Atlanta Gas Light at 877-427-4321.**

#5 Be storm savvy

March-April-May is tornado season in Georgia. Atlanta Gas Light advises against shutting off the valves to natural gas meters when a major storm is predicted. After a storm, look for uprooted trees or fallen structures that can harm gas lines. Check natural gas appliances for damage. If flooding occurs, don't operate any gas-powered appliances that may have been under water.

If a natural gas line is damaged accidentally or the distinctive rotten egg odor is detected, vacate all people and pets immediately. **Call 911 or the Atlanta Gas Light 24-hour emergency phone line at 877-427-4321 for help.**

Learn more about natural gas safety
at atlantagaslight.com/safety.

gas up the stove

Beef Stroganoff

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon onions, minced
- 1 small can sliced mushrooms, optional
- 2 1/2 pounds beef, cubed
- Seasoning mixture of basil, chives, parsley, oregano, nutmeg, cumin and smoked paprika
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1 medium can crushed tomatoes
- 1 small can tomato paste
- 2 cans Media Crema
- Salt and pepper
- Half-and-half, optional

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large pot golden the garlic and onion, but don't let it brown. Add beef, seasoning mixture, wine and a splash of water and let simmer until meat changes color. Add the crushed tomatoes and tomato paste, mix well. Let simmer until water evaporates to half the meat level, stirring occasionally. Add Media Crema and salt and pepper to taste. Do not let the mixture boil. Add a splash of half-and-half if cream is too thick. This dish is traditionally served with string chips and rice.



"This is my family's specialty."

— Priscila McDaniel



Submitted by Priscila McDaniel, customer care representative. Featured recipes are not independently tested, so we must depend on the accuracy of the cooks sending them. Always use safe food handling, preparation and cooking procedures from the recognized experts.



Valuing Volunteerism

The Walton Gas team built 96 boxes for homebound seniors and sorted 3,400 pounds of food donations when participating in their annual volunteer day at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia this past December.

April is National Volunteer Month, an annual celebration that highlights the essential role volunteers play in shaping a brighter future for all.

As a Georgia-based company, Walton Gas knows the importance of giving back to the communities we live, work and play in. That's why Walton employees volunteer their time, talents and resources to benefit a variety of charities and community organizations.

Our team benefits the people and communities we serve through activities such as sponsoring a matching hour for the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Care-a-Thon where we raised more than \$58,000 in a single hour in 2023. We also roll up our sleeves for hands-on volunteering at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge, Annandale Village in Suwanee and the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.

We urge Walton Gas customers to join us in celebrating National Volunteer Month by connecting with a volunteer

organization in your community. If you have time constraints or physical limitations, consider virtual volunteering opportunities such as social media management or remote tutoring. Work as a team like Walton Gas employees do by gathering friends and family for a group volunteering adventure.

If you can't provide hands-on assistance, research and donate to a local nonprofit that aligns with your values. Many organizations rely on the generosity of individuals to continue their essential work.

When we all give a little of our time and talents, it can make a positive impact on the lives of others in our Georgia communities.

[Scan to find volunteer opportunities in Georgia](#)



GEORGIA PROUD
Walton GAS

Toll Free 866-936-2427 or
770-267-2505

Front Counter Hours
Weekdays, 8 AM to 5 PM

Call Center Hours
Weekdays, 7 AM to 7 PM

Monroe
842 US Hwy. 78 NW

Snellville
3645 Lenora Church Rd.

Watkinsville
2061-D Hog Mountain Rd.

Jim Bottone
Vice President, Walton Energy
& External Affairs

Ashlie Franklin
Commercial Accounts
afranklin@walgongas.com

Sara Beddington
Marketing Specialist

Call Atlanta Gas Light
to report gas leaks or
emergencies anytime.

Inside Metro Atlanta
770-907-4231

Outside Metro Atlanta
877-427-4321

walgongas.com